

House Bill 3247

Sponsored by Representative OLSON (at the request of Skeet Arasmith)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes Oregon Environmental Services Advisory Council. Directs Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Human Services to adopt rules requiring waste water and drinking water system operators to complete continuing education approved by council.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to water quality.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is established the Oregon Environmental Services Advisory Council. The council has the authority to review and approve continuing education requirements and programs for operators certified pursuant to ORS 448.410 and 448.450.**

7 **(2) The Governor shall appoint the following members to the council:**

8 **(a) Three representatives from community colleges that offer educational programs relating to clean and waste water;**

10 **(b) One representative from the Department of Human Services;**

11 **(c) One representative from the Department of Environmental Quality;**

12 **(d) One representative from the Bureau of Labor and Industries;**

13 **(e) One representative from the Department of Education;**

14 **(f) One member selected in consultation with a national or regional organization involved in clean water advocacy; and**

15 **(g) One member selected in consultation with a national or regional organization involved with wastewater and water pollution issues.**

16 **(3) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member of the Senate to the council as a nonvoting member.**

17 **(4) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member of the House of Representatives to the council as a nonvoting member.**

18 **(5) The term of office of each member is four years, but a member serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Before the expiration of the term of a member, the appointing authority shall appoint a successor to take office upon the date of that expiration. A member is eligible for reappointment. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.**

19 **(6) The council shall select one of its members as chairperson and another as vice chairperson, for such terms and with duties and powers necessary for the performance of the functions of such offices as the council determines.**

20 **(7) A majority of the voting members of the council constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.**

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1 **(8) Official action by the council requires the approval of a majority of the voting mem-**
2 **bers of the council.**

3 **(9) The council shall meet at least once every three months at a place, day and hour**
4 **determined by the council. The council may also meet at other times and places specified by**
5 **the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the board.**

6 **(10) A member of the council is not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed**
7 **from funds available to the Department of Environmental Quality or the Department of**
8 **Human Services for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by the member**
9 **in the performance of the member's official duties in the manner and amount provided in**
10 **ORS 292.495.**

11 **(11) The voting members of the council may appoint a committee composed of no more**
12 **than five operators certified under ORS 448.410 or 448.450 to advise the council with regard**
13 **to continuing education requirements for operators.**

14 **SECTION 2.** **Notwithstanding the term of office specified by section 1 of this 2009 Act,**
15 **of the members first appointed to the Oregon Environmental Services Advisory Council:**

16 **(1) Two shall serve for a term ending January 1, 2011.**

17 **(2) Three shall serve for a term ending January 1, 2012.**

18 **(3) Three shall serve for a term ending January 1, 2013.**

19 **(4) Three shall serve for a term ending January 1, 2014.**

20 **SECTION 3.** **Sections 4 and 5 of this 2009 Act are added to and made a part of ORS 448.405**
21 **to 448.465.**

22 **SECTION 4.** **The Environmental Quality Commission shall adopt rules requiring opera-**
23 **tors certified under ORS 448.410 to complete regular continuing education courses approved**
24 **by the Oregon Environmental Services Advisory Council established in section 1 of this 2009**
25 **Act.**

26 **SECTION 5.** **The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules requiring operators**
27 **certified under ORS 448.450 to complete regular continuing education courses approved by**
28 **the Oregon Environmental Services Advisory Council established in section 1 of this 2009**
29 **Act.**